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**From:** Albright, David  
**Sent:** Tue 6/28/2016 10:34:49 PM  
**Subject:** RE: #2 Weekly Reminder (week ending July 1)

Hi Paul -

**Industry Outreach:** On July 7<sup>th</sup>, EPA will join representatives from DOGGR and the State Board in informal discussions about aquifer exemptions in CA with oil/gas industry personnel in Bakersfield. The outreach sessions will provide an opportunity for the agencies to answer questions about the aquifer exemption process, discuss roles and responsibilities of the state/federal agencies, and clarify upcoming regulatory deadlines. It will also provide an opportunity for the agencies to hear from industry about their perspectives, specific concerns, and any suggestions for improvements to the current aquifer exemption review process. (Montgomery, 2-3438; Albright, 2-3971)

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Please let me know if you have any items or not.

Hello WD Managers:

Please email me your Weekly items, or let me know you won't have any, by **COB Tomorrow, June 28th**. Be sure to include any significant items for the next few weeks. In addition, include relevant dates for the items submitted, along with POCs.

Last week's Weekly is provided below for reference.

Thanks,

Paul

## **WEEKLY REPORT**

### **Region 9**

### **Environmental Protection Agency**

**Week Ending June 24, 2016**

### **Water Division**

#### **Significant Items from Last Week (June 20-24)**

**GAO Interview on Wetland and SF Bay Funding Competitions:** On June 23<sup>th</sup>, we were interviewed by GAO staff regarding the competition processes for last year's Wetland Program Development Grants and SF Bay Water Quality Improvement Fund. (Rosetti, 2-3070 and Valiela, 2-3400)

**Supporting Central Valley MS4 Permit Adoption:** We sent a letter of support to the Central Valley Regional Board in support of adopting a region-wide MS4 permit for Phase I cities and counties (>100,000 people). Similar to MS4 permits for Lake Tahoe, LA, San Diego, and San Francisco, this permit contains an alternative pathway to compliance by implementing best management practices, including stormwater management plans and use of green infrastructure, to attain numeric water quality-based milestones. EPA worked with the Regional Board to ensure the permit meets federal requirements and state-wide consistency. (Kozelka, 2-3448)

## **Significant Items for This Week (June 27-July 1)**

**EPA Engages on California Dredge/Fill Policy:** On June 28<sup>th</sup> and July 7<sup>th</sup> we will attend public hearings in Los Angeles and Rancho Cordova, respectively, regarding the CA State Water Resources Control Board's long-awaited [proposed rules](#) governing the discharge of dredged or fill material to waters of the state. EPA Wetland Program Development Grants helped fund the proposed regulations to improve state-wide consistency in CWA 401 water quality certifications and state Waste Discharge Requirements. We will provide written comments to the State Board by the August 4<sup>th</sup> deadline. (Brush 2-3483)

**Notifying Tribes of EPA's New Streamlined Approach to Treatment as a State (TAS) Authority:** We are notifying tribes with pending TAS applications that they submit amendments to conform with a more streamlined process per EPA's final interpretive rule (May 16, 2016), which no longer requires tribes to demonstrate authority and uses this new streamlined approach for TAS eligibility to administer Clean Water Act programs. (Angeles, 2-3441)

**Signing UCMR 4 Partnership Agreements:** By June 30<sup>th</sup>, we will sign Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR) Partnership Agreements with all Region 9 drinking water primacy agencies for Round 4 monitoring by public water systems. The partnership agreements identify EPA/State roles and responsibilities for implementing. Round 4 monitors 30 contaminants, including ten cyanotoxins, from March 2018 to November 2020. The UCMR results provide the basis for future regulatory determinations. (Jenzen, 2-3570)

## **Other Information**

**Division Director Schedule (June 27-July 1):** Tomás Torres will be in the office all week.

## **Recent Press Releases (full version below)**

**10 Years of EPA's WaterSense Program Results in Savings of More than a Trillion Gallons of Water and Billions on Utility Bills. (Ely, 2-3731)**